

ABSTRACT

METHOD FOR HANDLING A PROCESSING PLANT OF A METAL
BAND IN A CONTINUOUS LINE AND A PLANT FOR IMPLEMENTING
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The invention relates to a new method for managing the feeding of a new coil into a continuous inline processing plant of a band-type product, in particular for passing short coils through the production line.

According to the invention, the global duration for performing the general connection process of a new coil (11') is divided into at least two time periods (T_1, T_3) realised in at least two successive portions (3, 4) of the inlet section (1) of the plant and the junction cycle is broken down into two separate phases S_1, S_2 between which a variable band length is set aside in at least one intermediate accumulator (5) in order to provide a time interval (T_2) of variable duration between said time periods of the connection process.

The invention applies especially to continuous etching lines of steel bands.

FIGURE 2